

ITF Jr C'ships
Mitto in boys'
doubles qtrs

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Rajshahi

Alex Mitto of Britain moved into semifinals of the boys' doubles and singles quarterfinals of the ITF Rajshahi International Junior Championships (Group 3) on Tuesday.

Sixteen matches were played on the day.

Following are the results:

Boys' singles: Jaco T Matheo (India) beat Sourabh Singh (India) 6-1, 1-6, 6-1; Alex Mitto (Britain) beat Rish Behl (India) 4-6, 7-5, 6-4; Lee Seung Jae (Korea) beat Kim Seung J (Korea) 6-4, 7-5; Hsieh N Chenh (Chinese Taipei) defeated Son Dev K (Croatia) 7-5, 2-6, 6-2.

Girls' singles: Pichaya L (Thailand) beat S Purnam Reddy (India) 6-4, 6-1; Ishalaknani (India) beat Woo Risuk (Korea) 6-0, 6-4; Wang T Wen (Chinese Taipei) defeated Hana Park (Korea) 6-4, 6-1; Hsu wen Shih (Chinese Taipei) beat Sun Yoo Sun (Korea) 6-0, 6-2.

Boys' doubles: Jaco T Matheo (India) and Son Dev (India) beat Lin Tuyang (Chinese Taipei) and Kurtovic Boris (Korea) 6-2, 6-3; Chakken (Chinese Taipei) and Lin Tai WI (Chinese Taipei) beat Atib Pasha (India) and Arka Mowdah (Pakistan) 6-1, 6-2.

Girls' doubles: Kao Srao Yova (Chinese Taipei) and Tseng Chunming (Chinese Taipei) beat Ji Sun Kim (Korea) and Ji Wheon Lee (Korea) 7-5, 7-5.

Maya Rosa (India) and Isha Lakshmi (India) beat Krushmi Chudi (India) and Hsu Wen Hsin (Korea) 6-2, 6-1.

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Croatia	2	-
Taipei	8	7
Egypt	2	1
France	-	1
Germany	1	1
Great Britain	2	1
India	18	6
Indonesia	3	1
Japan	1	2
Korea	4	6
Thailand	8	3
Pakistan	1	-
Syria	1	-
Turkey	1	-
Ukraine	4	-
Uzbekistan	1	-
Sweden	1	-
Total	68	35

Matt, Ricky back Steve

Cricket

AFP, Melbourne

Stephen over the last little bit, but I think he's a tremendous cricketer and I'm sure that he'll be out there fighting his guts out in South Africa."

Australia leave for South Africa this week for a three-Test series against Shaun Pollock's team.

Hayden said Waugh had been a "quiet supporter" of his for years.

"Cricket's a tough game, profes-

the earth -- I think that's Australian, that's the way we want to be, we want to say 'good on you' when you do well."

"I'm saying good on Stephen, because I think he's a fantastic leader."

Ponting, named Monday as Australia's limited-overs cricketer of the year, said it was up to the team to

Waugh, 36, has struggled for

form

this

domestic

summer,

prompting

speculation

he

might

be

near

the

end

of

his

long

and

illustrious

career.

The captain's uneasy relationship with the Australian media has only increased the tension.

The skipper lost his cool during

the

last

press

conference

of

the

season

after

frequent

questions

about

team

selections

-- an area in

which

he

now

has

little

input

after

the

Australian

Cricket

Board

decided

to

remove

Waugh

and

his

deputy

Adam

Gilchrist

from

the

selection

panel

for

overseas

tours.

Hayden singled out Waugh for

praise

when he accepted the Allan

Border

Medal

for

Australia

top

cricketer

here

on

Monday

night.

On Tuesday the Queenslander

followed

up

his

tribute

saying

Waugh

had

been

under

unjustified

pressure

during

the

summer,

particularly

when

Australia

was

unbeaten

in

the

Tests

and

narrowly

missed

the

one-day

finals

against

South

Africa

and

New

Zealand.

Asked if Waugh had copped

unfair

criticism

Hayden said: "Well,

in

my

opinion

he

has

been

a

gentleman

that

I

just

truly

honour

and

respect

as

a

cricketer

and

as

a

person."

"It's not really for me to say what

the

media

has

and

hasn't

done

to

me."

"It's

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say